

**MINUTES OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**

— OF THE —

ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

SEPTEMBER 4 AND 5, 1907

NEXT MEETING

PLACE: Pleasant Hill, Calhoun County.

[Five miles south of Calhoun City.]

TIME: Wednesday before the Second Lord's Day
in September, 1908, at 10 a. m.

ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON: Rev. J. L.
Phelps; Alternate: Rev. Joel Dorroh.

OFFICERS

MODERATOR: T. H. Wilson, Bellefontaine, Miss.

CLERK: J. W. Spencer, Bellefontaine, Miss.

TREASURER: J. H. Pryor, Slate Springs, Miss.

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Ordained Ministers.

NAME.	ADDRESS
Britt, D. N.,	R. F. D. No. 4, Eupora, Miss.
Burns, A. T.,	Slate Springs, "
Carroll, J. T.,	Stewart, "
Carroll, Andy,	Embry, "
Dorroh, Joel,	McCain, "
Duke, G. W.,	R. F. D. No. 3, Eupora, "
Eidson, J. J.,	Bellefontaine, "
Hunter, J. A.,	" "
McPhail, J. T.,	Slate Springs, "
McPhail, W. J.,	" "
Phelps, J. L.,	Eupora, "
Smith, Tom,	Walthall, "
White, R. C.,	Burkett, "
Wilson, T. H.,	Bellefontaine, "
Williams, Charles B.,	Clinton, "

Licentiates.

Dunn, Luther,	Duck Hill, Miss.
Franklin, J. J.,	Eupora, "
Tackett, W. A.,	" "

Order of Business.

1. Devotional Exercises by the Moderator.
2. Introductory Sermon,
3. Reading of letters.
4. Permanent Organization.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appoint Return Correspondents.
7. Appointments of Committees.
8. Treasurer's report.
9. Report on Pastor's Support.
10. Report on Missions.
11. Report on Evangelism.

12. Report on Woman's Work.
13. Report on Orphan's Home.
14. Report on Sabbath Schools.
15. Report on Ministerial Education.
16. Report on Mississippi College.
17. Report on Systematic Beneficence.
18. Select place to hold next Association.
19. Report on Temperance.
20. Report on Periodicals.
21. Report of Finance Committee.
22. Report on Nominations.
23. Appointment of Standing Committees.
24. Miscellaneous Business.
25. Calling the Roll.

Standing Committees for 1908.

Missions—W. J. McPhail and A. T. Burns.
Evangelism—J. L. Phelps and J. T. Marshall.
Ministerial Education—J. L. Gregg and Elmer Allen.
Mississippi College—Calhoun Doler and Wade Harden
Orphan's Home—J. T. McPhail and R. C. White.
Pastor's Support—J. O. Peeples, W. T. Clark.
Periodicals—J. T. Dalton, A. O. Paxton.
Sabbath Schools—W. A. Dunaway, Cap Stoker.
Systematic Beneficence—Will Jordon, Julius Clark.
Temperance—Doc Wray, Willie Pylon.
Woman's Work, M. P. Hendrick, Leslie Burns.
Sustentation—F. A. Martin, R. E. Perry.

Brethren please take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

T. H. WILSON, Moderator.



Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

THE ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Seventy Second Annual Session with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Montgomery county, on September 4th, 1907.

At 10:30 o'clock, the Moderator, T. H. Wilson, called the Association to order and conducted the Devotional Exercises by reading John 14; and the following brethren led in prayer to-wit: T. H. Wilson, W. J. McPhail and J. L. Phelps.

After which the dedication sermon of this church was preached by Rev. J. L. Phelps; text: Eph. 3: 10-11; Theme: "The Salvation of the World the Eternal Purpose of God in the Organization of His Church."

At the close of the sermon, the dedicatory prayer was offered by Rev. T. H. Wilson, after which the Association took a recess until 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed with prayer by J. D. Golding.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song: "There is a Fountain filled with Blood." Called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Bro. M. P. Hendrick. Letters were then called for. J. L. Phelps, J. W. Simpson and M. P. Hendrick were appointed reading clerks, after which letters were read from the various churches and delegates enrolled as follows, to-wit:

Bethany—W. J. McPhail, D. S. Patterson and M. P. Hendrick.

Bethel—Charles Denton and T. E. Doolittle.

Bluff Springs—J. F. McCain and A. H. Hood.

Eupora—J. L. Phelps and Marlin Dunn.

Fellowship—D. M. Wray and J. W. Spencer.

Greensboro—J. T. Nolen and C. W. Murphy.

Harmony—J. W. Salley, E. D. Parker and J. M. Pyron.

Hebron—By letter.

Milligan Springs—H. B. Oliver and R. D. Barrett.

Mt. Zion—J. I. Burlison and F. E. Greenlee.

Mt. Vernon—E. G. Sheppard and L. Wood.

Mulberry—R. H. Lishman, C. F. Oglesby and Latt Neal.

New Hope—J. W. Simpson, Noel Skelton and Luther Bridges.

New Liberty—B. F. Dalton, J. D. Golding and P. J. Lusk.

Philadelphia—W. L. Cannon and Gill Dixon.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. A. Trainor and J. W. Carroll.

Pleasant Hill—G. W. Moreland.

Pleasant Grove—T. P. Porter.

Sabougla—By Letter.

Sapa—By Letter.

Shady Grove—G. T. Kilpatrick and J. J. Hodges.

Shiloh T. M. Dunn, T. L. Mitchell and R. J. Stoker.

Spring Hill—W. H. Hardin, J. G. Spencer and W. J. Caldwell.

Unity—G. W. Jordan, C. S. Clark and J. L. Wray.

Union—By Letter.

Walthall—J. W. Clemons and W. F. Sparkman.

On motion the delegates were seated from New Hope without a letter.

The Association then in'o permanent organization, On motion the rules were suspended and all officers were elected by nomination and acclamation. Result as follows: T. H. Wilson and J. W. Spencer were re-elected without opposition as moderator and clerk, and J. H. Pryor, treasurer.

The Moderator then called for correspondents. Bro. D. A. Tabb, Moderator of Trinity Association, presented himself and was welcomed to a seat by Moderator. Rev. J. L. Phelps presented himself as vice-president of "Home Mission Board" and J. H. Pryor as vice-president of "Foreign Mission Board." The Association then proceeded to appoint return correspondents as follows:

Trinity Association—W. J. Caldwell, J. H. Pryor and A. T. Burns.

Yalobusha Association—C. S. Clark.

Yazoo Association—J. L. Phelps.

Chester Association—J. L. Phelps.

Calhoun Association—W. J. McPhail and A. T. Burns.

Baptist State Convention—A. T. Burns, W. J. McPhail, T. H. Wilson, M. P. Hendrick, J. L. Phelps, W. J. Caldwell, D. S. Patterson, J. W. Spencer, E. G. Sheppard and R. H. Lishman.

Southern Baptist Convention—W. J. McPhail, delegate, and A. T. Burns, alternate.

The following pledges were then made to defray expenses of delegate to S. B. C., to be paid by Jan. 1st, 1908, to-wit:

Bethany	\$2.50	Pleasant Grove.....	2.50	New Liberty.....	2.00
Bethel	2.00	Shiloh	2.00	Philadelphia.....	2.00
Bluff Springs.....	1.00	Harmony.....	2.00	Shady Grove.....	1.00
Eupora	2.00	Mt. Vernon.....	1.50	Spring Hill.....	2.00
Fellowship.....	2.00	Mulberry.....	2.00	Unity.....	2.00
Pilgrim's Rest.....	2.00	New Hope.....	2.50	Walthall.....	2.00
Pleasant Hill.....	1.50	TOTAL.....			\$36.50

The following Committees were then appointed, to-wit:

On Devotion—D. M. Wray, J. W. Carroll, P. J. Lusk with deacons of this church.

On Finance—Charles Denton, D. S. Patterson and R. H. Lishman,

On Nominations—R. J. Stoker, Noel Skelton and J. W. Clemons.

On motion of J. W. Spencer the Moderator appointed the Committee on Memorials to draft suitable resolutions relative to the death of Rev. A. B. Hicks, to wit: J. H. Pryor, E. G. Sheppard and C. F. Oglesby.

Treasurer's Report was then read by J. L. Phelps, which on motion was referred to Finance Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

M. C. ALLEN IN ACCOUNT WITH ZION ASSOCIATION FROM SEPT. 6, 1906, TO SEPT. 3, '07.

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 6, 1907	From Finance Committee for Minutes and Clerk	\$37 55
" "	Orphans' Home	11 00
" "	Foreign Missions	10 35
" "	Home Missions	7 00
" "	General Missions	9 00
Oct. 16, 1906	Sabougla church for Missions	2 00
Nov 20, "	Fellowship church, Home Missions	7 70
" "	Orphans' Home	15 30
Dec. 3, "	Sabougla church, Foreign Mission	14 65
" 5, "	Eupora church, Orphans' Home	19 71
" "	Ladies' Aid Society, Eupora church for Orphan's Home	10 20
" 15, "	F. Z. Burson, Foreign Missions	5 00
Jan. 14, 1907	Spring Hill church, State Mission	5 00
" "	" " Home Missions	5 00
" "	" " Foreign Missions	5 00
" 28 "	New Hope church, Orphans' Home	6 85
Feb. 18, "	" " for Missions	89 00
Mch. 8, "	Sapa church, Foreign Missions	3 75
" 19, "	New Liberty Church, for Missions	17 00
" 23, "	Eupora church, Home Missions	43 80
" "	Ladies' Aid Society Eupora church, for Home Missions	5 00
" 27, "	Spring Hill church, Home Missions	10 00
" "	" " Delegate to S. B. C.	2 50
" 30, "	Unity church, Foreign Missions	45 00
" "	" " Delegate to S. B. C.	2 00
Apr. 8, "	Spring Hill church, China Famine Fund	7 00
" 17, "	Fellowship church, Home and Foreign Missions	23 00
" 18, "	Ladies' Aid Society Eupora church, China Famine Fund	11 00
" 20, "	Mulberry church, Home and Foreign Missions	11 00
" "	Bluff Springs church, Foreign Missions	2 05
" 23, "	Eupora church, Foreign Missions	35 00
May 9, "	Shady Grove church Delegate to S. B. C.	2 00
July 7, "	Eupora church State Missions	8 80
" 17, "	Sapa church State Missions	2 81
Aug. 14, "	" " "	1 00
Apr. 18, "	Hebron Church, Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention	87
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$493 89

DISBURSEMENTS

1906.		
Sept. 8,	Paid J. W. Spencer for Minutes	\$37.55
" "	" J. R. Carter	11.00
" "	" A. V. Rowe	26.35
Oct. 26,	" "	2.00

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Nov. 28	"	J. R. Carter.....	15.30
	"	A. V. Rowe.....	7.70
Dec. 7,	"	J. P. Carter.....	29.91
Dec. 6,	"	A. V. Rowe.....	14.65
1907.			
Jan. 3,	"	A. V. Rowe.....	5.00
" 15,	"	".....	15.00
" 29,	"	J. R. Carter.....	6.85
Feb. 22,	"	A. V. Rowe.....	89.00
Mch. 13,	"	".....	3.75
" 20,	"	".....	17.00
" 25,	"	".....	48.80
" 29,	"	".....	10.00
Apr. 2,	"	".....	45.00
" 4,	"	".....	7.00
" 19,	"	".....	23.00
" 19,	"	".....	11.00
" 23,	"	".....	11.00
" 23,	"	".....	37.15
May 10	"	".....	8.80
" 17,	"	".....	2.81
" 14,	"	Paid delegate to Southern Baptist Convention.....	7.35
Aug. 17,	"	Paid A. V. Rowe.....	1.00
Total			\$493.87

Total Receipts, \$493.89

Total Disbursements,

\$493.87

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Respectfully submitted,

M. C. ALLEN, Treasurer.

Just one week from the day the above report was submitted, Bro. M.

C. Allen passed to his eternal reward. — [Clerk.]

J. W. Spencer read report on Sabbath Schools. Discussed by C. S. Clark, W. J. Caldwell, M. P. Hendricks, A. T. Burns, W. A. Dunn, W. J. McPhail, J. L. Phelps and on motion the report was adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

We regret to report that all our churches do not have Sabbath Schools.

We hope that all the churches in the Association will soon organize a Sunday School in their bounds. For the importance of Sunday Schools demand that there should be one in every church. The wise man said, "Train up a child in the way which he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it." As we see the meaning of this quotation the parents and the churches are responsible for this work in training the child in the way it should go.

J. L. WRAY,

C. S. CLARK, Committee.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Committee on hospitality assigned the delegates homes, after which the Association joined in singing, "Blessed Be The Name," and was dismissed

with prayer by Bro. S. L. Wray.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Association met at the appointed hour.

Song, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord:"

Devotional Exercises were conducted by W. J. McPhail, by reading 1st John 4; and leading in prayer. Business was then taken up.

Report on Woman's work read by A. T. Burns. Discussed by A. T. Burns, C. S. Clark, W. J. Caldwell, J. L. Phelps and J. H. Pryor, after which the report with the following resolution added thereto was adopted:

Report on Woman's Work.

(The Report in last year's Minutes was adopted.)

Woman's Missionary Union, Eupora, is the only church in our Association which has an organization of this character.

Outside of \$10.00 to the Orphanage we have no statistics from which to make a general report. Resolved by the delegates of the Zion Association that when we return to our homes that we will endeavor to have a Ladies' Aid Society organized in each of our churches. A. T. BURNS,

J. D. DENTON, Com.

Report on Orphan's Home was read by W. J. McPhail, discussed by W. J. McPhail, J. T. McPhail, W. J. Caldwell and W. A. Dunn and on motion was adopted.

Report on Orphan's Home.

The Baptists of Mississippi can well be proud of our Orphanage. Bro. Carter with his 120 children are doing a fine work. Our Orphanage is in a very prosperous condition. Each year there are new facilities, with increased equipments for greater achievements in its righteous undertaking.

Did I say a righteous undertaking? Yes, to look after and to care for the widow and orphan is a doctrine as deeply embedded in God's word as the doctrine of salvation by faith or any other doctrine of the Bible. In the book of James we read of pure and undefiled religion and one of its characteristics is to look well to the widow and the orphan. And again we read in God's word that we should help them that need help, so when we cast our minds upon the little boys and girls of our State who are left in their dependent years without parents or means, we feel it should ever be our joyful duty to stretch forth a helping hand, that we may not only relieve them but that we may make them happy now, and useful in the future. Our information is that the churches are and have been contributing liberally to this noble institution of our denomination, and in conclusion we most earnestly ask the churches and brethren and sisters of the same to continue and increase your gifts to the Orphanage for as the work increases, needs are increased and pray God for a wise direction of the work.

W. J. McPHAIL,
J. T. McPHAIL, Committee.

The Special Committee on Memorial on the death of Rev. A. B. Hicks, offered the following preamble and resolutions which on motion was adopted:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has seen proper to remove from us by death, our beloved Bro. A. B. Hicks, and,

Whereas, the voice of Bro. Hicks will be heard no more urging us as christians to the discharge of our duties, and warning sinners to "flee from the wrath to come" to the outstretched arms of a crucified redeemer for salvation.

Therefore, Resolved 1st, That in the death of Bro. Hicks the cause of Christ has lost a brave and noble leader and defender, whose place will be hard to fill. His community a good and sympathetic neighbor, and his family a kind and indulgent father.

Resolved 2nd, That, while we deeply mourn the death of our beloved brother, we bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father; and are fully assured that our loss is Bro. Hick's eternal gain, and that today his redeemed spirit is basking in the smiles of his Lord and Master for the up-building of whose cause on earth he labored so earnestly for many long and weary years.

Resolved, 3rd, That we tender to his family our heart-felt sympathy and condolence in this, their sad bereavement.

Resolved, 4th, That these resolutions be spread upon our Minute Book, published in the Minutes of this Association; in the Baptist Record and that a copy thereof be presented to the family of our beloved brother.

J. H. PRYOR,

E. G. SHEPPEARD,

C. F. OGLESBY, Com.

J. H. Pryor read report on Missions. Discussed by J. H. Pryor, J. T. McPhail. At this point, Bro. J. E. Byrd, our State Sunday School Missionary, presented himself and was welcomed to seat and further discussed the report. At the close of his speech the Association rose and sang, "Stand up for Jesus." Discussion resumed by J. L. Phelps, C. S. Clark and A. T. Burns, who stated that he here and now consecrated his life to the Master's service. Bro. D. N. Britt gave \$1.00 for Missions.

At this point the Moderator called the Association to prayer led by J. E. Byrd. And after some remarks by the Moderator on the report the same was adopted.

Report on Missions.

"God, the Father, so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have eternal

life. God the Son so loved the poor lost sinners that He came into this sinful world and suffered, bled and died upon the cross that every sinner that repents of his or her sins and trusts in Him shall be saved." And just before His ascension He commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature and we believe that it is our indispensable duty to obey this command of our blessed Saviour to the very best of our ability, but, how we are obeying, the following statistics will show.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last Conventional Year, Southern Baptists gave to the cause of Foreign Missions, \$403,811.54. This looks like an enormous sum but when it is divided among 1,900,000 white Baptists of the Southern States, we behold the pitiful sum of 21 cents to each member.

We cannot tell how much of this amount the Baptists of Zion Association gave, because we have not the statistics at hand, but during our last associational year we gave for Foreign Missions \$190.95, which divided among our 2966 members we have the sum of 6 1-2 cents per member.

Brethren it seems to us that we ought to hide our faces in shame; that we have done so little, for the cause which our blessed Saviour poured out his life's blood and which was so near this great heart. But in spite of all this great lethargy and disinterestedness on our part the Lord has greatly blessed our Foreign Mission work and we now have 500 workers on the field and there were 2,239 baptisms during the last conventional year.

HOME MISSIONS.

During the last Conventional Year, Southern Baptists gave this great work \$237,531.73, or 12 1-2c per member. During our last associational year the Baptists of the Zion Association gave \$147.25 for home missions, or 5c per member. The home field embraces all the Southern States, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Cuba, Isle of Pines and Panama. In this vast territory are millions of perishing souls who have never heard the old, old story of Jesus and His love, and millions are coming to the South every year, and if we obey our Saviour's last command it is our indispensable duty to see to it that they have the gospel preached to them, and yet the baptists of Zion Association sing "Will You Listen to the Old Old Story?" and give 5c per member to have that "Story" told to these perishing millions? On this field we have 865 missionaries who baptized during last conventional year 18,798 into the fellowship of our churches.

STATE MISSIONS,

Of course there is not a Missionary Baptist who will doubt its being our duty to have the pure gospel preached to every individual in our own state, and yet there are wide fields where there are no Baptist churches or Baptist preaching, and there is no doubt but that there are thousands dying every year and going down to eternal misery and despair who have never heard the pure gospel of the blessed Son of God.

We have no statistics on State Missions and cannot give a summary as we would like to do, but will give the amount contributed to State Missions

by the churches of the Zion Association during our last Associational year. We contributed \$40.30, or about 1 1-2c per member; in addition we gave to general missions (whatever that may mean,) \$47.05 or a little over 1 1-2c per member. To sum, up the Baptists of the Zion Association gave the sum of 14c to have the gospel of the blessed Son of God preached to all the world except to our own churches. Brethren it is no wonder that our crops are short and that the Lord has withheld from us temporal blessings, while we rejoice that He in his goodness has blessed many of our churches spiritually and that many precious souls during this associational year have been born into the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us during this next Associational Year bring our "lithes into the storehouse of the Lord, that there may be meat in this house," and see if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

J. H. PRYOR,

J. LEROY GREGG, Com.

M.P. Hendricks discussed the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

On motion the Association proceeded to select a place to hold the next Annual meeting. Pleasant Hill, Calhoun county, was selected, and Wednesday before 2nd Sunday in Sept., 1908, as time to hold next Association. Association took a recess until 1:30. Dismissed with prayer by J.T. McPhail.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song: "I Want to be a Worker."

Prayer by C. F. Oglesby.

J. E. Byrd discussed the "Laymen's Missionary Movement" and Sabbath Schools and on motion J. W. Spencer was appointed to arrange for the holding of Sunday School Institutes within the bounds of this Association amended by adding J. L. Phelps and A. T. Burns.

Report on Mississippi College was read by J. L. Phelps, discussed by J. L. Phelps and report was adopted.

Report on Mississippi College.

The Baptists of Mississippi are justly proud of their College, for the work that it is doing is calling forth the praise of our people through this and other states. It is being recognized as a mighty factor in building up denominational life. During the last session 440 students were enrolled. Of this number 60 odd were preparing for the ministry.

The Baptists of Mississippi should patronize their own college. Our present outlook is full of hope. The \$75,000 given by the Baptists of the State secured the \$25,000 from the Educational Society of New York, which gives us \$100,000 to build houses that will meet the demands of our people. In addition to this amount Mr. Carnegie has given us \$20,000 to be added to our endowment which gives us the splendid little endowment of over \$100,000, then besides this we have the gift from the Jennings family, of Water Valley, to the amount of \$20,000 to be used for buildings and equipments. So, when our new buildings are completed and equipped, we will have a college that will be a credit to the Baptists of the State of Mississippi.

J. L. PHELPS,

W. W. NARON, Committee.

Report on Pastor's Support was read by the Clerk, discussed by J. McPhail, J. L. Phelps, C.S. Clark, P.J. Lusk, E.G. Sheppard and adopted.

Report on Pastor's Support.

We believe God in His wisdom has provided us with the Scriptures and called His servants, known as ministers or pastors, to explain them to the people. To be very efficient in this work it is very necessary that they should strive to qualify themselves to discharge this duty. We think the scriptures fully sustain the fact that their hands should be loosed as far as possible from all care except that which pertains to the ministry. By doing this their time would not be consumed in such matters to make a support as would bring them in competition with the balance of mankind, such as trading, etc., which is often used as a reflection upon their christian standing. Even the pursuits of manual labor bring them to this condition of competition resulting often in envy and injury to our preachers. In support of this position we would refer you to 1st Cor., 9: "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel, should live of the gospel." Matthew, 10:10: "For the workman is worthy of his meat." Numbers, 18:21: "And behold I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance for their service, which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." There are many other passages in support of this position. If a man must be qualified to fill the positions of this life, how important it is to be prepared to do God's service. However, it is thought by some that the Lord will make all necessary preparations without any effort on our part. Does God give us such assurance? Does He propose to do all and us nothing? Nay, He has a part for us to do, and unless we do our share He will not come up with His. May prayers be offered, supplications made and covenants signed for better support of our pastors.

LUTHER A. TOWNSEND,
P. J. LUSK, Committee.

J. L. Phelps moved that the subject of "Pastor's Support" be left out of our order of business and Evangelism be inserted in its stead. Motion lost. A motion then carried to add the subject of Evangelism to the order of business.

Report on Nominations was then read by the clerk which on motion was adopted.

Report on Nominations.

To preach Introductory Sermon: Rev. J. L. Phelps. Alternate, Joel Dorrol.
NOEL SKELTON, J. W. CLEMONS, R. J. STOKER, Committee.

A report on Temperance was handed in, but for lack of time wasn't read. Motion prevailed instructing the clerk to insert same in minutes.

Report on Temperance.

It is not necessary for us to go into our great Government and find out the amount of money that is spent for intoxicating drinks. Nor is it necessary that we should attempt to show the evil effect upon the human family of all this vast outlay of money, for we see and read of its dreadful effect almost daily. But it is necessary that we look in the churches of our Zion and should we find this great evil lurking in our midst, we should in justice to the cause of Christ, purge

it out. Are we not the light of the world, and salt of the earth? If so, can we tolerate this evil in our churches? Should we not deal with our brethren who keep their closet jugs? Are they not saying to the young of our land that this is right, and by so doing this great evil is perpetuated? CAP STOKER,
LUTHER DUNN, Com.

The Clerk was allowed \$15.00 for his services. Charles Denton read the report of Finance Committee, which, on motion, was adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

We have examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct and have received the following amounts for objects named below, to-wit:

For Minutes and Clerk.....	\$42.00	Foreign Missions	\$7.00
Home Missions.....	7.50	General Missions	13.00
D. N. Britt, for Missions.....	1.00	Total amount.....	\$71.10

The above amounts have been duly paid over to the treasurer.

CHARLES DENTON, D. S. PATTERSON, R. H. LISHMAN, Committee.

The committee appointed at last Association consisting of A. B. Hicks, J. H. Pryor, and Eli Hardin, for the purpose of amending and revising the constitution of our Association, made report by J. H. Pryor reading the constitution as revised, which on motion was adopted, and the clerk was instructed to transcribe same with articles of Faith, and rules of Decorum, in Record Book of this Association.

On motion, the roll call was dispensed with. J. H. Pryor then offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved that the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to Shiloh church and this community for the hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of this Association.

J. H. Pryor moved that at next meeting of the Association that the rules of Decorum be read immediately after permanent organization.

There being no further business a motion prevailed to adjourn.

The closing prayer was offered by Rev. A. T. Burns, and the Moderator declared the Association adjourned, to meet with Pleasant Hill church, Calhoun Co., on Wednesday before the 2nd Sabbath in September, 1908.

T. H. WILSON, Moderator,

J. W. SPENCER, Clerk.

MEMORIAL PAGE.

REV. A. B. HICKS,
MOLLIE COGHILL,
BILL JORDAN,
W. H. KING,
MRS. JENNIE HODGE,
L. J. PUTMAN,
BELLE BURTON,
SUDIE McPHAIL,
J. H. THARP,
LANG HARVEY,
F. E. BURTON,
A. A. CLARK,
MRS. PEARL BOLAND,
KATE YORK,
MRS. L. C. COOPER,
VICKEY BOX,

CLAUDIA POUNDS,
W. L. HITT,
M. J. WOOD,
MRS. S. A. BURLISON,
ELIZA ELINGBURG,
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JOE WHITE,
M. L. CRICK,
MRS. A. J. HITT.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord,
is the death of his saints."

—Psalm, 116:15

MINUTES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF ZION ASSOCIATION

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Sunday School Convention of the Zion Association met with Harmony church August 8th and 9th, 1907.

President called Convention to order at 10:30 o'clock. "The Beautiful Land" and "Heaven is my Home" were sung. The Chaplain being absent, J. T. McPhail, by request, conducted the Devotional Exercises by Scripture reading and prayer. Charles Denton was requested to act as Secretary pro tem.

On motion the Convention Sermon was to be preached by W. J. McPhail directly after noon. The president then called for letters. D. E. Neil and J. W. Jordan were appointed reading clerks, after which letters were handed in and read from the following schools to-wit: New Hope, Cross Roads, Bellefontaine Baptist, Barton School House, Slate Springs, Eupora Baptist. Delegates from Unity and Harmony Sunday Schools were seated without letters.

Convention then went into permanent organization; result as follows: President—J. W. Spencer; Vice-President—J. D. Denton; Secretary—Secretary Charles Denton; Chaplain, D. M. Wray; Anniversarian, A. B. Hicks.

The welcome address was then delivered by Miss Willie Wood. Responded to by W. J. McPhail. Motion to dispense with the anniversary address and select place to hold next convention. Result: Slate Springs was selected, and the 5th Sunday and Saturday before, in May, June or July, in 1908, whichever it occurs, as time to hold next convention.

On motion the convention took a recess until 1:30. Dismissed with prayer by chaplain.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by president. Prayer by chaplain, after which the president declared the convention ready for business.

Song, "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. W. J. McPhail then proceeded to discuss the subject assigned to him; "The Character of David," and afterwards proceeded to preach to the Conventional Sermon from John 11. Song: "At the Cross."

Program taken up. "The Parent a Factor in the Sabbath School" was discussed by J. D. Denton, W. J. McPhail, J. T. McPhail, J. W. Spencer and C. S. Clark.

Song: "Marching Home."

Essay: Miss Ouida Walker, from Bellefontaine S. S. Discussed by T. McPhail. Adjourned until 9 a. m., tomorrow. Dismissed with prayer by chaplain.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The president then called for any letters that were not presented yesterday. Motion to take up program. Essay, Miss Abbie Gregg. "Prayer." Discussed by D. M. Wray.

Song, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" After which all joined in prayer led by chaplain. Essay, Miss Daisy Skelton, "Home, and its religion," discussed by D. M. Wray. Song, "Home." "Can there be a growth in grace without works for the Home." Discussed by C. S. Clark. Song, "I Want To Be a Worker." Discussed by C. S. Clark. Subject, "Origin and History of the S. S. Church." Discussed by C. S. Clark.

On motion J. D. Denton, D. M. Wray and Miss Abbie Gregg were appointed by president to get up program for next convention.

PROGRAM FOR NEXT CONVENTION.

"Moses, a type of Christ." Rev. J. T. McPhail, Rev. T. H. Pryor.

"How to make a Sabbath School Teacher" J. H. Pryor, J. W. Spencer.

Essay, "The Power of Influence," Miss Bertha Spencer.

"The rewards of Obedience," Bro. Mason.

Essay, "The value of a blameless youth and manhood," Miss Mary Roberts.

"Whole-heartedness in God's service," Rev. J. L. Phelps, Chas. Burns.

Essay, "The Sabbath School as a means of training young people," Mrs. Lela Therrell.

"How to best establish our churches in Bible doctrines," Rev. Chas. Burns, Rev. Joel Dorroh.

Essay, "The highest duty of parents to their children," Miss Florence.

"The evil effects of intemperance. Physically, morally and socially," Rev. W. J. McPhail, Dr. Young, Leroy Gregg.

Essay, "The penalty of wasted youth," Miss Donie Gregg.

Essay, "Hide God's word in your heart," Miss Ida Edwards.

"How to live, how to die," Miss Lizzie Allen.

JIM DENTON,
D. M. WRAY,
ABBIE GREGG,

On motion, the proceedings of this convention be published in the minutes of the Zion Association.

The following resolutions of thanks were unanimously adopted:

Resolved that thanks of this convention are due, and are hereby tendered the good people of this church and community for the hospitality shown us during this convention.

There being no further business, the president declared the convention adjourned to meet at Slate Springs, Calhoun county, on the Sunday and Saturday before in 1908.

J. W. SPENCER, Pres.
CHARLES DENTON,

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Day of Meeting	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Paid for Minutes	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	General Missions	College Endowment	Orphans' Home	Other Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Visiting Ministers	No. Officers & Teachers	No. of Scholars	No. Baptized	Amt. pd for Literature	S. B.
1. Bethany	2	14	5		30	5	131	2.00	13.00	14.45	7.85		37.10		5.45	32.66	150.00	26.00	1 6 50			8.00	S. B.
2. Bethel	4	17	13	2	8 5	1	160	2.05							8.76	22.16	108.00		1 7 35	4		6.00	
3. Bluff Springs	1		2	1	11	3	110	1.50				2.05				12.50	51.25		1 9 100	8		56.20	
4. Eupora	1 3	11	8	1	17 1	1	228	2.00	8.80	48.80	35.00				29.90	38.40	500.00		2 16 212	23		22.00	
5. Fellowship	2	23	34		14	4	294	2.50		11.50	11.50			12.75	15.30	22.50	100.00	23.10					
6. Greensboro	4	12	3		1		71	1.50									15.00	5.05	1				
7. Harmony	1	2			2		49	1.00									40.00						
8. Hebron							40										65.00						
9. Milligan Springs	3	9	6		7	2	139	2.10									50.00						
10. Mt. Zion	4	4	2		2	2	56	1.00		50							75.00						
11. Mt. Vernon	4	2	4		1		175	1.75									100.00		1 6 16			2.50	
12. Mulberry	1				2	1	103	2.00				10.00					100.00		1 8 100	10		12.00	
13. New Hope	3	15	24		7	1	223	3.00	35.00	27 00	35 00				6.55	20.60	100.00	21.00	1 6 50			3.00	
14. New Liberty	3				1	2	116	1.50				16.55					75.00	8.50	1			1.60	
15. Philadelphia	3	1	3		3	1	85	1.50		2.00	2.00					9.15	88.00		1				
16. Pilgrim's Rest	4	1			6	2	102	1.40															
17. Pleasant Hill	2	4		2	2 3	1	101	1.30															
18. Pleasant Grove	1		3		4	1	54	1.50	5.00	5.00	5.00				9.00		100.00	22.00	1 7 72			4.50	
19. Sabougla		17	7		2	1	83	1.00				17.25					65.00		1 5 30			2.50	
20. Sapa		7	2		4		76		6.80	2.00	5.75				4.15		100.00						
21. Shady Grove	3	15	4		5 1		124	2.00				4.10				25.00	150.00		1 5 75	4		3.00	
22. Shiloh	2		1				103	2.50				8.30			12.50		60.00		1 5 35			2.50	
23. Spring Hill	4	6	8	1	8	5	231	2.50	5.00	5.00	15.00		51.10			17.50	100.00	5.00	1 8 65	6		10.00	
24. Unity	4	4	2				29	1.50							7.00		100.00		1 5 30			4.00	
25. Union	4						110	1.50									100.00						
26. Walthall	4	4	4		9	1	68	2.00								22.00	100.00		1 6 40	1		12.00	
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Kind Used	Superintendent	Secretary	Pastor	Pastor's Postoffice	Clerk	Clerk's Postoffice	County	State	Value of Church Property
00	S. B. C. S.	J T Pryor	Bert Ward	A C Mason	Graysport	J S Dorroh	Slate Springs	Miss.	500
00	"	T E Doolittle	Delores Doolittle	A T Burns	Slate Springs	J D Denton	Sabougla	"	500
20	"	J T Marshall	J L Taylor	Joel Dorroh	McCain	M B Oswalt	Eupora, R. No. 4	Webster	350
00	"	C C Duke and	Alberta and	J L Phelps	Eupora	W W Naron	Eupora	"	2000
00	"	J W Spencer	Bertha Spencer	A B Hicks	Bellefontaine	J W Hicks	Bellefontaine	"	1000
	"	E B Ray	Ethel Kent	J T Carroll	Stewart	F J Sims	Eupora, R. 3	"	150
				J T McPhail	Slate Springs	E D Parker	Alva	"	450
				Tom Smith	Walthall	George Shaffer	Fame	"	300
						J A Lusk	Sibleyton, R. 3	"	500
				Tom Smith	Walthall	A F Greenlee	Eupora, R. 4	"	500
				A T Burns	Slate Springs	W T Clark	Eupora, R. 3	"	500
50	"	W W yron	Allie Pryor	T H Wilson	Bellefontaine	W W Pyron	Sibleyton, R. 2	Montgomery	1000
00	"	J H Pryor	Elmer Allen	A B Hicks	"	I G Vance	Slate Springs	Webster	500
00	"	L A Townsend	John Patridge	T H Wilson	"	D F Dalton	Dabney	Montgomery	500
60	"	S A Morris	J A Moore	A T Burns	Slate Springs	J A Moore	Cadaretta	Webster	400
				Joel Dorroh	McCain	R I Oswalt	Embry	"	450
				W J McPhail	Slate Springs	J G Barton	Slate Springs	Calhoun	450
50	"	F A Martin	Mrs. E. Trussel	A C Mason	Graysport	R E Perry	Williamsville	Grenada	300
50	"	J A Lay		Joel Dorroh	McCain	J B Black	Sabougla	Calhoun	400
				A C Ball	Mantee	J Taylor Dunn	Eupora	Webster	500
				A C Ball	"	T D Bailey	Eupora R. 3.	Webster	500
00	"	I I Pogue	Stella Hobby	J T McPhail	Slate Springs	T M Dunn	Laura	Montgomery	500
50	"	W A Dunn	Veronica Mitchell	A B Hicks	Bellefontaine	W A Woods	Slate Springs	Calhoun	750
00	"	Eli Hardin	Grady Spencer	T H Wilson	"	S W Clark	Lilac	Montgomery	500
00	"			B F Smith	Eupora, RFD 2	F M Wood	Stewart R. 1.	Webster	300
00	"	W A Hays	Bertha McCaleb	A C Ball	Mantee	J T Dalton	Walthall	"	600

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